

UNAPPROVED MINUTES  
ARTS COMMISSION  
CITY OF MILPITAS

**Minutes:** Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, August 28, 2006  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd., Committee Conference Room

**I. Call to Order** The Chair called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

**III. Roll Call** Commissioners Present: Butler, Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Ogle, Rabe, and Alternate #1 Tsuei, Alternate #2 Asif

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, Public Services Clerk, Tirzah Cedillo

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano (7:10 p.m.)

**IV. Seating of Alternates** No alternates were seated.

**V. Approval of Agenda** **MOTION** to amend item #2 under New Business; "Phantom Art Gallery Schedule" the listing of artists and their Gallery Exhibit Opening dates attachment stated Golden Hills Art Association gallery opening date was September 25, 2006. It's been amended to September 26, 2006.

M/S: Foulk/Ogle Ayes: All

**MOTION** to approve the Agenda of August 28, 2006 as amended.

M/S: Foulk/Ogle Ayes: All

**VI. Approval of Minutes** **MOTION** to approve the Minutes of June 26, 2006.

M/S: Hays/McGuire Ayes: All

**VII. Public Forum** Mr. Gary Cerezo, 1702 Blue Spruce Way, Milpitas, announced he is running for City Council and came that evening to get an idea of how Commission meetings are run and be present for the Outstanding Artist Recognition of Mr. Frank Torres.

**VIII. Announcements/Correspondence**

Chairperson Rabe introduced the new Commission Member Asiya Asif to the Arts Commission, and asked her to say a few words. Commissioner Asif stated she is a full time mom of four children. She previously worked at the Milpitas Community Center Preschool as a Preschool Instructor for six years.

**IX. Presentation** Chairperson Rabe stated this is the first presentation of the Outstanding Artist Recognition, to Frank Torres for his Mural in Elmwood Correctional Facility. Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Commission wanted to recognize Mr. Frank Torres this evening for sharing his talent and his wonderful mural at the Elmwood Correctional Facility. Award recipient, Mr. Frank Torres, introduced his nieces Victoria and Sabrina Torres and his son Frank Torres Jr. to the Arts Commission.

Mr. Torres shared with the Commission that while incarcerated at Elmwood Correctional Facility, Lt. Hank, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Command had seen his drawing of

Hurricane Katrina that he had completed in pencil the size of 12"x22". The Community viewed his drawing of Hurricane Katrina in his jail cell. A week later, Lt. Hank asked if he would do a mural of five officers doing training poses of a cell search.

Mr. Torres stated the mural of eighty feet in the hallway at the Elmwood Correctional Facility included scenes of the site back in '1920' when it was a homeless shelter. Other scenes include Elm trees, a Chapel and the thirteen Bay Area County badges. Mr. Torres stated painting the Bay Area County badges was a memorial for the Police Servicemen who have died in the line of duty. He also shared that the cell search scene meant so much to him because his own father died due to an accident during a cell search.

Mr. Torres stated he draws from his heart and was very proud of his mural.

Chairperson Rabe presented the Outstanding Artist Recognition certificate to Mr. Frank Torres.

## **X. Old Business**

### **1. Work Plan – Chairperson Rabe**

<b>Overall Goal</b>	<b>Specific Action Required</b>
Engage community groups, youth organizations and churches to promote sharing of cultural ideas and increase awareness of art and culture	Sunnyhills Breakfast

Commissioner Butler announced that the Commission might host the Sunnyhills Breakfast in January if interested. The Arts Commission needs to determine the menu, and then the morning of the breakfast, introduce the Commission and explain what it does for the community. .

Commissioner Butler stated she would schedule the Arts Commission to host the 'Sunnyhills Breakfast for January 2007.'

Chairperson Rabe asked Staff to agendize the Sunnyhills Breakfast for the October Arts Commission meeting.

<b>Overall Goal</b>	<b>Specific Action Required</b>
Nurture collaborations between the Library and art groups for Literary Art Events	Collaborate with the LAC and the YAC to hold a poetry contest or short story contest

Chairperson Rabe asked the Arts Commission if anyone would be interested in being assigned to this goal. No one responded. Chairperson Rabe stated to bring this back on the next agenda.

<b>Overall Goal</b>	<b>Specific Action Required</b>
Work with Sister Cities Commission to develop new arts and cultural programs and expand participation in Cultural Exchange	TBD

Chairperson Rabe stated this task would have to be a volunteer program. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated to contact Cindy Maxwell, Staff Liaison for the Sister Cities Commission.

Overall Goal	Specific Action Required
Setup Student/Senior mentor program, i.e. reading, crafts, etc.	Work with the YAC and Terrace Gardens to implement program

Chairperson Rabe stated the Commission does not have anyone assigned for the Student/Senior mentor program and asked if anyone is interested in this project. Vice Chair Ogle asked for an outline of what's involved because she doesn't want to volunteer for something she doesn't know about. Chairperson Rabe stated the program is what the Arts Commission would develop.

Overall Goal	Specific Action Required
Fundraising Event	Host Fundraiser for the Arts in Milpitas

Chairperson Rabe asked if the Commission was interested in Fundraising. The Commission was not interested but Chairperson Rabe asked this item be assigned to the Arts Day Subcommittee to come up with ideas to be discussed at the October 2006 Arts Commission meeting.

**Note. Receipt. File.**

## **XI. New Business**

### **1. Cultural Arts Support Program 2006-07 Grant Review – Lorentzen**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated at the August 1, 2006, City Council meeting, City Council reviewed the eight recommended grants, and then directed the Arts Commission to review an additional two grants, which had been submitted to Staff, but did not meet the grant requirements. City Council asked the CASP Subcommittee to reconsider these two grants because there were monies remaining in the CASP fund. The CASP Subcommittee reviewed the two grants and recommends:

#### **Calaveras Repertory Theatre**

In Kind Services: none (not requested)

Monetary funding: \$1,920 (Production Costs)

#### **GENCO**

In Kind Services: All

Monetary Funding: \$700 (Security, Marketing)

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the grants total \$2,620, and the Commissions recommendation would go to the September 19, 2006, City Council meeting.

**MOTION** to approve the CASP Subcommittee's recommendations for the Cultural Arts Support Program Grant 2006-07 funding cycle for \$2,620.00 to be sent to City Council for final approval.

M/S: Hays/Foulk

Ayes: All

## 2. Phantom Art Gallery Schedule -Lorentzen

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated, that with the Arts Commission meetings scheduled every other month, their scheduled Phantom Art Gallery openings weren't always coinciding with the Arts Commission meetings. The Gallery openings have been rescheduled to coincide with the Arts Commission meetings, as listed in their Commission packet. One Phantom Art Gallery opening has been scheduled for December 11, 2006. The Arts Commission does not have a regular scheduled meeting on December 11th, but I have emailed all Commission Members for availability.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the last Public Art Committee meeting that does hold a Phantom Art Gallery opening was scheduled for September 25, 2006, but has been re-scheduled for September 26, 2006. This gallery opening would need to remain with the Public Art Committee meeting date for the month of September. Commissioner McGuire stated she would notify Golden Hills Art Association of the new date of September 26, 2006.

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## 3. Arts Day – Chairperson Rabe

Chairperson Rabe stated the month of October is traditionally when Milpitas has held their Arts Day event, "Arts Day Milpitas." Chairperson Rabe stated Staff has reserved the Milpitas Community Center facility on Sunday, October 1, 2006, should the Commission choose to proceed with the event. Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Commission would have a \$2,000.00 budget to do the event and would need to work with various organizations like the Camera Club, Golden Hills Art Association and any other organization that would be willing to work on this event.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated should the Commission choose to hold the Arts Day event the following steps would be necessary:

- a. Confirmation of Arts Day funding would be as of 9/19/06.
- b. Form an Arts Day Subcommittee.
- c. Arts Day Subcommittee would need to meet with Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen immediately to discuss:
  - Entertainment
  - Supplies
  - Preparation
  - Marketing
  - Artists

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated a real dedication from the Arts Commission would be necessary for the preparation of the event and the day of the event.

Council Member Giordano stated she doesn't feel it would be a problem to get the Arts Day funding. Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Day event would be held at the Milpitas Community Center and funding should be sufficient enough to hold the event. Chairperson Rabe stated she would like to have a room reserved for the children to watch the movie Milpitas Monster. Council Member Giordano added that the movie Milpitas Monster is very historical.

Chairperson Rabe stated she would like the Camera Club to provide more children activities for the event. Council Member Giordano asked how would the Commission advertise. Commissioner Foulk responded in the past there were Arts Day flyers created. We could use the same flyer, change the date, and distribute to local schools.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated the main concern should not be marketing for the Arts Day event. The participation of the Arts Commission is key to the event being a success; otherwise the Arts Day event would not work.

Commissioner Foulk stated he would work on the Arts Day flyers and have distributed the flyers to local schools within two weeks.

Chairperson Rabe asked would the use of volunteers for the Arts Day event be possible. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen responded, 'yes.'

Chairperson Rabe asked who could help with preparation. Commissioners Ettinger, Foulk and Butler all volunteered to help with the event preparation but would not be available to attend the day of the event.

Commissioner Tsuei asked for clarification of arts for kids and what art does that include. Chairperson Rabe stated she doesn't know that status of that right now as they have not yet started planning the event.

Chairperson Rabe suggested that Arts Day include a music section, using the Milpitas Community Concert Band. Commissioner Tsuei stated maybe-getting drums they're very popular.

Commissioner Tsuei stated Mr. Frank Torres, Outstanding Artist Recognition Recipient, should come in and lead the children in an art piece. Commissioner Asif stated she could do henna art. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts Commission would need to form a Subcommittee and see who can be in attendance for two to three hours for the event day.

Chairperson Rabe stated the Golden Hills Art Association, Alliance for the Arts, Camera Club would come out to help with the Arts Day event.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission to raise their hands if they are able to work Arts Day. The following Commissioners raised their hands: Rabe, Asif, McGuire, Ogle, Commissioners Tsuei and Hays said they might be able to attend. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated people would need to be assigned to activity stations, information table, and need to do an activity depending on volunteers. Commissioner Tsuei asked for a list of duties for the event. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she has information from the last four years of the event, as this year is not set yet.

Chairperson Rabe stated she would need to rely on people to be there for the event, otherwise the Commission cannot realistically hold the event. Council Member Giordano suggested the Commission take a week to reach out to different groups like Kiwanis, Rainbow Theatre, and Alliance for the Arts, and See what the interest in the event is from other organizations.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen reiterated that the Arts Commission would need to form a Subcommittee.

Commissioner Ettinger stated two months ago she asked Larry Voellger of the Camera Club and he said he would volunteer for ribbons and a poster contest.

Commissioner Foulk stated to form the Subcommittee and give them the authority to make the final decision on whether or not to hold the event based on community interest. Commissioners Foul, McGuire and Rabe volunteered to be on the Subcommittee.

Chairperson Rabe asked Commissioner Asif if she had a special talent to share at the Arts Day event. Commissioner Asif responded she does henna art and she would be available on the day of the event. Commissioner Tsuei stated he would check his schedule and get back to Chairperson Rabe to see if he would be available the day of the event. . Commissioner Butler stated she could help organize the event, but would not be available on the day of the event. Commissioner Foulk stated he would distribute the flyers to schools. Vice Chairperson Ogle stated she would contact the Camera Club and Mr. Joe Santoro. Commissioner McGuire stated she would contact Darlene Carman the "Vegetable Painter," and Jodi Carr for face painting and caricatures. Commissioner Hays stated if she would be able to attend the event she could do face painting, pottery-hand builders. Commissioner Tsuei suggested digital arts using a printer, computer and a digital camera.

Chairperson Rabe stated the Arts Day flyers should be distributed two weeks before the event and is looking forward to receiving calls from all the Commissioner Members with their information.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated it would be a hassle to have food. If the Commission chooses to have food check with Albertson's or Nob Hill to donate ice cream, juice boxes and ice for the event.

**MOTION** to approve the Arts Day Subcommittee to decide on the Arts Day Milpitas 2006 event.

M/S: Foulk/Ettinger

Ayes: All

#### **4. Review a Nomination for Recognition of Outstanding Artists – Commissioner McGuire**

Commissioner McGuire stated she has nominated Darlene Carman known as the "Vegetable Painter" who has been recognized for her video, "Painting Gourmet", to encourage artists to show their paintings and to get people involved in the arts.

Chairperson Rabe stated should the nomination be approved. Carman would be presented with the Recognition of Outstanding Artist certificate at the October 23, 2006, Arts Commission meeting. She would also write and send a letter to Ms. Carman inviting her to the meeting.

**MOTION** to approve the Nomination for Recognition of Outstanding Artist for Darlene Carman.

M/S: Ettinger/Foulk

Ayes: All

## **5. Fundraising – Lorentzen**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen asked the Commission if they would like to do another fundraising event like Tea in the Trees possibly collaborating with another non-profit group.

Commissioner McGuire stated the Arts Commission needs to do some type of fundraising event, but not Tea in the Trees. The Tea in the Trees event was too much work. Commissioner McGuire said she feels that as a Commission we need to keep up our presence in the community.

Commissioner Ettinger stated whatever fundraising event the Commission chooses should be scheduled for the year 2007.

Chairperson Rabe asked the Commission if anyone wanted to be on a Fundraising Subcommittee. No Commissioners volunteered.

Chairperson Rabe stated to add the Fundraising Subcommittee duties to the Arts Day Subcommittee. The Arts Day Subcommittee will provide all ideas to the Arts Commission at their October meeting.

**Note. Receipt. File.**

## **XII. Staff Reports**

### **Upcoming Events:**

- **September 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Memorial – Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> – 9 am – Civic Center Amphitheater**  
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> there would be a remembrance memorial in honor of the thousands of people who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.
- **Auditions “The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe” – September 6 & 7 - 3:30 pm-5:30 pm - Milpitas Community Center**  
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated auditions would be held for youth ages 8-18 years. Youth should come prepared to read from a provided script. Participation fees are due at the audition.
- **CASP Event – Kaisahan of San Jose Dance Co., Inc. – Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> – 2 pm – Milpitas Community Center**  
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated this is the last CASP (Cultural Arts Support Program) Event for fiscal year 2005-2006 funding cycle.

## **XIII. Liaison Reports**

### **1. City Council**

Council Member Giordano stated at the August 1, 2006, City Council meeting:

- Approved a New Solid Waste Rate Adding a Pilot Commercial Food Waste Program.
- Approved the 2005-2010 Redevelopment Implementation Plan.
- Approved eight Cultural Arts Support Program grants.

- City Council direction on Citizens Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission recommends for a new ordinance-requiring automatic gas shut-offs on residences.
- Received Library Governance Study and confirmed City's membership in Santa Clara County Library System and joint powers authority.

Council Member Giordano stated at the August 15, 2006, City Council meeting:

- Appealed Planning Commission decision to deny use permit amendment; for a dance floor at King Crab Restaurant.
- Reviewed general plan denial for zone change for Fairfield Project.
- Approved lobbyist registration forms per Open Government Subcommittee.
- Endorsed Proposition IE (Flood Prevention) and Proposition 84 (Water Bond).
- Approved funding for United Way New 2-1-1 Service.

## **2. Commissioner CASP Review & Commissioner CASP Sign Up Sheet**

- Bay Area Showcase Chorus 8/19/06  
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen stated she attended the event and it was great.

## **3. Grants**

Commissioner Ettinger stated no new information to report to the Commission.

## **10. Sister Cities Commission**

Chairperson Rabe stated she would keep trying to reach the Sister Cities Commission.

## **12. MUSD**

Commissioner Foulk stated today, August 28, 2006, is the first day of school with 10,000 children in attendance.

## **XIV. Future Agenda Items**

Chairperson Rabe asked to have agendized for the next Arts Commission on October 23, 2006:

1. Work Plan Liaison appointments
2. Sunnyhills Breakfast
3. Fundraisers
4. Outstanding Artist Recognition – Darlene Carman

## **XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m., to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 23, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tirzah Cedillo  
Recording Secretary